

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**System And Method For Preventing Sector Slipping In A Storage Area Network**," the specification of which (check one):

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____
as U.S. Application No. _____
or PCT International Application No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or (f) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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